

March 1, 2021

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Perry to go into an executive session regarding personnel/employment matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 6:00 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to come out of the executive session regarding personnel/employment matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 7:04 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:10 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees, E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Brian T. Perry, and Darrin L. Folger; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, Chief Richard Lauricella and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth.

The Deputy Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

Due to the lengthy work session, Alison Koopman gave her presentation regarding the colors and materials suggested for the Main Street CDBG project during the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2021 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh seconded by Perry that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	21,895.84
Electric Fund	\$	67,246.36
Water Fund	\$	15,499.21
Sewer Fund	\$	5,915.19
Capital Projects	\$	117,171.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the following building permit be and hereby is approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Chad Cummings	240 East Avenue	Roof	\$50.00
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ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Eleen Short from Jackson Street came before the Board to thank the Village for their part in moving the Fire Siren from her backyard to Cold Spring Construction’s property. Eleen also came before the Board to discuss the possibility of opening the Farmer’s Market this year. After a short discussion the Farmer’s Market will go on the Work Session agenda for the meeting scheduled April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

PROJECT REPORTS –

CDBG – ADA Sidewalk Aprons/Crosswalks – Alison Koopman gave her presentation earlier regarding colors and materials.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – project continuing nicely.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – topics covered during the work session earlier.

CLERK – submitted report for February 2021. Reminded all of the upcoming Village Elections scheduled for March 16, 2021 from noon – 9:00 pm here at the Village Hall; Police Reform and Reinvention Plan was submitted to the State; Completed the Village’s NYS Public Employer Health Emergency Plan and has been submitted to the Union for their review; completed and submitted the grant application for the Household Hazardous Waste Event held September 26, 2020; submitted a refund request to IEEP for speed signs and LED Lighting; have been working with Sheri from Mind Squad regarding Performance Management, she is great to work with.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for February 2021 and schedule for March 2021. Reported: Routine vehicle maintenance up to date; ACS requested coverage for after school events beginning this month.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – Updated the Board on the Sewer Plant progress; mentioned the upcoming projects he has on his list for the Village as: Main St ADA crosswalks and ramps, street scape; water connections as well as tree plantings on Cedar Street; Jackson Street sidewalks; Skyline Drive milling and paving; Mill Street reconstruction; and Mechanic Street DI repair and possible paving.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – reported: submitted report for February 2021; worked with Deputy Clerk Izydorczak to complete and submit the NYS State Annual Report for 2020. Worked with NYSDEC regarding Reid Petroleum tanks located at 26 Mechanic Street.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Board Members received and reviewed the February report from Chief Haist during the earlier work session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – reported: attended the Water Wastewater Committee meeting along with Trustee Forrestel.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: reviewed with AFC during work session regarding Firematic Officers status and will schedule a meeting with AFC to begin the contract negotiations and discuss Officers qualifications.

Mayor Patterson – thanked everyone for being patient tonight with the late meeting start; also thanked everyone for continuing to follow the guidelines for Covid-19.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: attended the Water Wastewater Committee meeting February 25, 2021. Discussion was held of water plant operations; refurbishing the water tank on Crittenden Road; and Phase II of the Sewer Plant Upgrade which is about 30% complete. The project is going great with no unpleasant surprises so far.

Trustee Folger – reported: attended the Code Enforcement Committee meeting earlier this evening. Discussion held regarding the Chicken Law. Trustee Folger distributed to the Board the information gathered by Code Enforcement Officer Mike Borth from Alden's chicken law language. Also held discussion in reference to the Village Code versus the Agricultural & Markets Regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue/ 43 East Avenue Village Land – Eleen Short spoke about Farmer's Market under Public Comment.

Splash Pad – waiting on a site plan from Alison Koopman for the splash pad and the playground design for both Russell Park and Eckerson Avenue properties.

Cedar Street – Electrical/Trees/Sidewalks – Jon Cummings spoke about during his report earlier.

Chicken Law –agenda item for the Code Enforcement Committee meeting held earlier.

Agreement with Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm System – Attorney Borden had a conversation along with Mayor Patterson with Steve Matisz that answered several of their questions regarding the agreement. Board agreed to have the Mayor sign the contract using the 1/3 of 10% calculation as per the recommendation of the Police/Fire Committee.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm System using the 1/3 of 10% calculation as per the recommendation of the Police/Fire Committee be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Re-zone 22 Morgan Street from R-2 to I-2 - A public hearing was held at the February 22, 2021 Village Board meeting in reference to Local Law #1 of 2021 – amending Chapter 165 of the Code of the Village of Akron - re-zoning of 22 Morgan Street. The Board had to table any action at that time due to the lack of a proper quorum to vote. As all Board Members were present this evening, the Board agreed to approve Local Law #1 of 2021.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to approve the amendment of Chapter 165 of the Code of the Village of Akron to re-zone the property at 22 Morgan Street from R-2 to I-2 as per the request of ICP Realty Corp. (Perry's Ice Cream) be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
DARRIN L. FOLGER - AYE

Mayor Patterson abstained from voting.
Trustee Perry abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Folger to approve Sewer Plant Operators Bob Lucia and Robby Lucia to attend the 39th Annual Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference virtually between the dates of March 16 – March 25, 2021 at a cost of \$75.00 each be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
BRIAN T. PERRY - AYE
DARRIN L. FOLGER - AYE

RESOLUTION to appoint the 2021 Firematic Officers – tabled until the March 15, 2021 Village Board meeting.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh to approve Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth to attend the WNY Virtual Fire Alarm Training on March 16, 2021 from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm at a cost of \$30.00 be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
BRIAN T. PERRY - AYE
DARRIN L. FOLGER - AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Email request from One Church to use Russell Park and the Village Hall Parking Lot/Driveway for two destinations for their “Easter Drive-n-Find” (Easter egg handout) event scheduled for March 27, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh to allow the use of Russell Park and the Village Hall Parking Lot/Driveway for the One Church event, “Easter Drive-n-Find” on March 27, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
BRIAN T. PERRY - AYE
DARRIN L. FOLGER - AYE

Comments submitted by Robert Scheib of Brooklyn Street regarding the Main Street CDBG Main Street ADA Sidewalk Apron/Crosswalk Street Scape project.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Retired Village Attorney Don Shonn explained the Freedom of Information Civil Rights 58A amendment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Folger at 8:03 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK